

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3602
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DEPLETION OF BULLOCK STOCK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the population of bullocks has been depleting fast, with advent of Tractors/Tillers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to encourage the farmers for the use of bullocks for agriculture purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. The population of bullocks has not been depleting fast and is fluctuating during various censuses.

The bullock population (cattle and buffaloes) from 1982 to 1987 as per Quinquennial Livestock Census is given below:

(in million)

Year	Bullock Population
1982	66.90
1987	65.10
1992	70.60
1997#	63.50

Provisional

(c)&(d) In view of concerns for indigenous breeds and need for Draught Animal Power, the cattle and buffalo breeding policy is under review.